

Asian Migrations Seminar Series :
“Out of Place: Racial-Ethnic Legacies and Migration
in Advanced Democracies.”



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Free attendance, no registration required

The number of people moving, and continuing to move, toward advanced democracies in the last decade combined with the post-2008 Great Recession rise of populist parties and leaders have transformed the politics of migration. Advanced democracies are in a new era. The regulation of immigration, the role of integration in advanced democracies, and the terms of assimilation are rarely off the news agenda. Few political elites are unengaged with these issues. To analyse these developments this project presents a threefold typology based in colonial histories and racial-ethnic legacies to explain from where elite and popular views about these issues have come and why they resonate, often in incendiary ways, with these states' electorates. Because the language of assimilation and associated policies, which by definition set up categories of inclusion and exclusion or of belonging versus stranger, have dominated the politics of immigration and migrant integration, political elites have mostly fostered hostility to migrants, often intentionally. Showing how assimilation is a concept rooted in outdated forms of colonial-era classification and harmful racial-ethnic legacies increases our understanding of the transformative effects of immigration on the politics of advanced democracies.

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